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SUMMARY: 13TH ORDINARY OAU SUMMIT ENDED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JULY 6. PRESS AND GENERAL PUBLIC WERE TWICE CLEARED FROM THE CONFERENCE HALL IN ORDER TO PERMIT SUMMIT TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION. FINAL SESSION HEARD SPEECHES FROM NEWLY ARRIVED SUDAN PRESIDENT NIMEIRI CONDEMNING LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE KHARTOUM COUP ATTEMPT AND OTHER UNDISCLOSED BUSINESS. IN OPEN SESSION, MAURITIAN PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO, GAMBIA PRIME MINISTER JAWARA AND EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK SPOKE. SPEAKERS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF "ISRAELI AGGRESSION" IN UGANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA RACISM, AND IN THEIR

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BROTHERLY SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM CRITICIZED AT GREAT LENGTH THE ISRAELI COMMANDO OPERATION IN UGANDA. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF LIFE IN UGANDA. RAMGOOLAM CALLED UPON HIS "BROTHERS IN NORTH AFRICA" TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES OVER THE WESTERN SAHARA.

2. PRESIDENT BONGO, ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING CHIEFS OF STATE HERE, THANKED RAMGOOLAM AND THE MAURITIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. HE SAID NEVER SINCE THE OAU WAS FOUNDED HAS A SUMMIT COMPLETED AS MUCH WORK "AND WORK WELL DONE". COMMENT: TIRED AND FRUSTRATED DELEGATES ALLOWED THEMSELVES AUDIBLE SNICKERS. END COMMENT.

3. PRIME MINISTER JAWARA AGREED THAT THIS SUMMIT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE "MOST EVENTFUL AND DIFFICULT MEETINGS" OF THE OAU. IT HAD BEGUN, HE SAID, UNDER THE CLOUD OF SOWETO, HAD BEEN BUFFETED BY NAKED ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA AND THE FOILED COUP ATTEMPT IN SUDAN. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF SOUTH AFRICA LIBERATION, JAWARA STATED "WE HAVE THE OPEN SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WILL BE TRUE TO THEIR PRINCIPLES AND NOW ACTIVELY SUPPORT SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IN THIS REGARD, HE RECALLED TO THE SUMMIT ASSEMBLY THAT THIS WAS THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND ASKED US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TO BE TRUE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THAT REVOLUTION. (OAU SPOKESMAN PETER ONU HAD PREVIOUSLY NOTED MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION TO THE OAU FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNY).

4. VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK OF EGYPT CALLED UPON OAU MEMBERS TO ESCALATE MILITANT ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE TERMED ISRAELI "AGGRESSIONS" IN UGANDA AN ATTACK ON THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT. HE EXPRESSED FULL FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND PRAISED THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL AND SECRETARIAT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS FOR THE EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. UNESCO SECRETARY GENERAL M'BOW, WHO ARRIVED WITH PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NIMEIRI, SPOKE BRIEFLY TO THE CLOSING SUMMIT SESSION AS THE HIGHEST RANKING AFRICAN IN THE UN SYSTEM.

6. EARLIER, IN CLOSED SESSION, SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI REPORTED ON THE KHARTOUM COUP ATTEMPT. IN DESCRIBING THE KHARTOUM FIGHTING, NIMEIRI SAID "IT WAS QUITE EVIDENT FROM THE START THAT THESE (ANTI-NIMEIRI) FORCES HAD BEEN HIGHLY TRAINED AND EQUIPPED WITH MODERN WEAPONS. THE WEAPONS USED ARE CERTAINLY

NOT AVAILABLE TO THE SUDANESE ARMED FORCES NOR MOST OF THE POOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES." HE ACCUSED THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES OF KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS, INCLUDING HOSPITAL PATIENTS, IN COLD BLOOD AND SAID THE MARKINGS ON SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS AND VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES WERE UNMISTAKABLY FROM BENGHAZI, LIBYA. NIMEIRI THEN SAID MANY OF THE CAPTURED MEN HAVE CONFESSED TO HAVING BEEN TRAINED IN LIBYA AND ELSEWHERE BY LIBYAN INSTRUCTORS AND THEY HAD BEEN EQUIPPED BY LIBYA. THIS LIBYAN ACTION, HE SAID, MEANS THAT THAT COUNTRY MUST BE COUNTED AMONG THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA WHO ARE BENT ON DESTROYING ITS UNITY AND PROGRESS. NIMEIRI'S SPEECH, HOWEVER, FELL SHORT OF CALLING FOR A CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION AGAINST LIBYA.

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